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Central association have adopted a Memorial to the Gen. Ass. to meet at Westminster in June & that Mr. Sweetser will advocate the memorial. If my health allows me, I expect to be present at the Gen. Ass. as a member.

I have thus hastily sketched off a few thoughts which however have been in my mind some time. This letter does not require or deserve a reply. If however you have a few moments leisure to devote to me, I should be happy to receive a line.

Yrs very truly
Chs. Packard.

for the last September with Dr. Anderson I distinctly understood him to defend the course of the missionaries among the Indian tribes in admitting slaveholders into church-members but he told me, that no churches could be established there on any other principle.

Now what I have to say is this. Would it not be advisable to call a meeting at Boston of ministers & others on the subject of the Board - perhaps a meeting similar to the one we had three years ago, which I have no doubt did good, although we came to no definite result - at a time when the Methodists & - the Baptists & & even the Presbyterians are preparing to divide on the subject of slavery, it seems a little too bad that we here at the North who should be upholding by a great Society which fraternizes so completely with the great Southern Moloch.

We should get a good number at the time of the anniversaries, but you may perhaps think, that we cannot get time there for much deliberation. A preparatory meeting might then be had, the result of which might afterwards be a good Convention at Worcester of ministers & lay men.

I am happy to hear that the Worcester

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Dear Sir - We have had some conversations in former times upon the connexion between the Am. Board & Slavery, in which I found myself playing the part of a conservative - a part, however, for which I do not seem to be particularly qualified - The result of the meeting of the Board at Worcester & various things that have happened during the past year have diminished not a little my confidence in the wisdom of the clique, that control all the proceedings of the Board with an absolute power - I am satisfied that an explosion must soon take place, if there is not a change & an open palpable one in the part of the Board. There is too much concealment from the churches & the ministers whose money & prayers support the Board - there is too much of an aristocracy of D. D's & L. L. D's - with which I & others of the commonalty are not permitted to sympathize. I have some important facts on this subject which are authentick, and which in due time will be stated though not by me - In a conversation at Worces